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WALKER, REYNOLDS REJECT NEW SALES TAX PROPOSAL

MILWAUKEE, RACINE – Racine County Executive Bill McReynolds and Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker reject Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway's proposal to permit a 0.5% sales tax by local governments that operate local transit systems. Holloway is circulating a petition to city and county officials in Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha Counties.

"My concern," said McReynolds, "is that this is less about public transit than about creating a gravy train for public officials who don't know how to control spending."

Both Executives believe that taxes are too high in the region and that a further tax increase would be detrimental to the economies of Racine and Milwaukee Counties.

"While we support a dedicated funding source for transit, we believe that imposing another tax on residents is fundamentally the wrong approach to tackle the problem," said Walker.

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